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## CANNERY COUNCIL OF A.F.L. FLAYS C.I.O.'S DISRUPTION

### BOARD'S ACTION ALSO ATTACKED

Premature Ballot Causing Only Confusion; Setup In State Under AFL Revealed Superior to CIO's Pacts

Charging that the National Labor Relations Board is guilty of "jumping the gun" in calling a premature election of cannery workers in the State "without thoroughly going into the past history of our Cannery Union," Hal Angus, executive secretary of the California State Council of Cannery Unions, today denounced the action and warned all members of AFL Cannery Worker locals not to be confused by the welter of propaganda issued by the CIO as polling got under way in various plants.

Angus declared that a careful check-up by the Board would have revealed that AFL members are entirely satisfied with their contracts under AFL leadership, that the records show indisputably that working conditions, as provided by AFL agreements, are far and away superior to those negotiated by CIO unions. He cites the case of the contract entered into by the CIO with the Valvita plant in the southern part of the state, declaring that this contract gives workers there nowhere near the gains provided by the average AFL pact. Angus' complete statement follows:

"The Council feels that the National Labor Relations Board called a premature election without thoroughly going into the past history of our Cannery Union. The Council is nine years old and has had, and now have, contracts with all the canneries in Northern and Central California. We (the Council) feel this is an attempt through the CIO with their power with the NLRB to cause this disruption and to create dissatisfaction and an attempt to cause strikes and shutdowns, and if any strikes happen, we are placing the blame on the NLRB because of the ill-advised notice of re-elections in our plants and we also feel that our cannery contracts are the best cannery contracts in the United States. The CIO, with a Cannery contract in Valvita (Hunt Bros.) in Southern California, does not compare in any shape, form, or manner with our contracts, nor do any of their eastern contracts compare with our contracts in California. We feel that our workers, who have negotiated for these contracts themselves are entitled to know the full situation."

### Painters 1104 At Labor Temple

Painters Union 1104 of Salinas have moved their offices back to their former location at the rear of the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas. The union has the same building used as an office prior to moving offices into Teamsters Hall.

If the government has any extra pants and shirts in that surplus property till we suggest that they be distributed among those taxpayers who stand to lose theirs.

### MONTEREY CLC CHANGES HOUR OF MEETINGS

Starting hour for future meetings of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council will be 8 p. m., and next meeting will be Tuesday, October 16, Secretary Wayne Edwards announced this week.

The council has met at 7 p. m. for many years, but voted to change the hour to 8:00 to allow delegates more time to get home from work and eat supper before attending the meetings.

All delegates are urged to attend the next meeting of the council to take part in important business scheduled.

### ELECTION SET IN ZONING LAW FIGHT

The referendum vote to determine if the residents of Salinas want property on South Main Street re-zoned to allow the proposed \$4,000,000 business development will be held at a special election on Tuesday, November 6, it was reported this week.

Members of the city council of Salinas, which are split three to two on the zoning question, gave the new ordinance to allow the zoning its second reading last Monday night, and said that an election would be held, as requested in petitions from opponents to the project.

Meanwhile, ground breaking to continue Romie Lane across the Monterey Road into agricultural land west of the highway has been started. Construction will be held up pending outcome of the election.

### Liberal Daily Paper Planned By Detroiters

Detroit, Michigan Several hundred names of sponsors for a Detroit liberal daily paper have been obtained by the Committee for a Liberal Daily. The prospectus says:

"The new daily should be a liberal social force, speaking for the people of Detroit instead of for privileged interests identified with certain big business. For a single example, it would tell the truth about the grade-labeling of consumer goods instead of serving certain dishonest advertisers. Minorities should feel that news and comment about them is handled with justice and sympathy."

### Garment Union Offers to Build Clubhouse For Soviet Workers

New York City An offer to construct a \$250,000 clubhouse for garment workers in the Soviet Union was made by Pres. David Dubinsky of the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union in a cable to Edward C. Carter, chairman of Russian War Relief in the U. S., while Carter was visiting Moscow in August.

Carter accepted the offer as a "genuine constructive contribution to rehabilitation of Russian war victims," subject to approval by proper Soviet authorities.

### Just Old Stuff

Everybody's amazed at the private who was AWOL for nine months without leaving his camp. What's so unusual about that? Congress has been AWOL for four years without leaving the capitol.

### Food for Thought CIO Workers Cannot Work Under AFL Signed Contracts

CIO organizers, in their efforts to alienate Cannery Worker members from the AFL, neglect, very obviously, to remind them of one very important point: A CIO member cannot work for an employer who has an AFL signed agreement, regardless of how some of the cannery workers may vote, that fact does not alter the existing contract which an AFL Cannery Workers' Union may have with the employer. Thus, during the life of such an AFL agreement, a cannery worker who changes his affiliation to CIO, may find himself something like a "fish out of water"—with no place to work.

Another thought to bear in mind is that in a community where most of the industries, manufacturing, building, construction, industrial and food, are AFL, the AFL is not going to accept for part-time employment a worker who has voted himself into the CIO as a result of these unauthorized raids into the cannery industry.

### Protests Roads' Treatment of Mexican Toilers

New York City The Latin American Affairs Committee complained to the Pennsylvania Railroad about the "highly deplorable conditions" of Mexican nationals who came off-way workers to aid the war effort.

In a letter addressed to President M. W. Clement of the railroad, Chairman Jacob S. Polesky of the committee declared that he was greatly alarmed "lest these Mexican workers, upon their return to their homeland, become ambassadors of justified hate instead of goodwill, and interpret the U. S. to their fellow countrymen as a land which enlisted their services without even offering them the minimum of social protection they had known in their own country."

Conceding that it was "too late to engage in hair-splitting investigations for the purpose of laying the blame at this or that door," he called on the railroad president to "take immediate steps designed to clarify the responsibilities of the company in the field of medical care and hospitalization of these workers and rectify the appalling practice whereby these Mexican laborers are billed for medical services without their previous knowledge."

### Street Railway Union Gets 2c Per Hr. Hike

Kansas City, Mo. An increase of 2c an hour was agreed upon for employees of the Kansas City Public Service Co. in a compromise of issues which was being heard by a three-man panel of the regional War Labor Board. The new wage rate is set at 90c an hour for streetcar and bus operators.

Representatives of the transit company and the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees arrived at an agreement which resolved differences on some 55 issues in dispute and left only five issues to be determined by the panel. The wage increase is retroactive to January 1. The new agreement provides also for a 44-hour week and overtime pay also is retroactive to Jan. 1.

### President Green Raps House Committee For Sabotaging Measures

Washington, D. C. Organized labor was called to action after the House Ways and Means Committee sidetracked an unemployment compensation legislation.

AFL President William Green said the committee has defied President Truman and "slapped the face of millions of loyal American workers" losing their jobs. He called on Truman to "exert the kind of progressive leadership necessary" to guide the U. S. in reconstruction.

Some committees carefully keep minutes and then waste hours talking about nothing.

### Labor Unions Oppose Phony 'Equal Rights'

Washington, D. C. The pros and cons of the Equal Rights amendment (S. J. Res. 61) have been presented to the Senate judiciary committee. The amendment provides that "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

Presenting the opposition point of view, Mrs. J. A. Stone of the National Women's Trade Union League pointed out that labor had taken positive stands against passage.

Marvin Harrison, lawyer, described what the bill would actually do. He said first that it would "not touch major discrimination against women." It would not guarantee equal pay for equal work, nor would it guarantee women equal opportunity at professional jobs. And secondly, he said it "would destroy laws discriminating in favor of women" such as maternity and widow's benefits, protection for young girls and laws protecting working women.

Miss Selma Borchart of the American Federation of Teachers and Miss Maida Springer of the International Ladies' Garment Workers presented the opposition of the AFL to passage of this amendment.

### The Creed of the Non-Union 'Rider'

I believe in sharing the fruits of unionism and letting the union member foot the bill.

I believe in reaping the harvest of better wages and working conditions even though I sow no seeds.

I believe in protection of my working rights by my fellow members without being taxed for it myself.

I believe in enjoyment of all union benefits without making an investment in the union.

I believe that eventually I may become a "brasshat" and do not want to compromise my chances by belonging to the union.

I believe in letting my fellow members take an interest in my economic welfare while I have time to follow my hobbies.

I believe I have a right to refrain from joining the union even though I undermine the working standards of my fellow employees.

### Even All Around

The important admiral and the general who was in love with himself were stranded on a jungle island. But they found a rowboat. "I have a confession to make," said the admiral. "I don't know how to row a boat." "That's all right," said the general who loved himself. "I won't tell anyone, if you won't tell anyone my secret: I can't walk on water."

### WAREHOUSEMEN 890 INVITE WORKERS INTO AFL FOLD; NLRB ELECTION IN SIGHT

Workers in the Salinas lettuce industry which are not now in the American Federation of Labor have been sent special invitations to join Fruit and Produce Drivers, Warehousemen and Employees' Local 890, of Salinas, and the invitations were sent with return address cards which, when signed, will authorize Local 890 to represent these workers.

Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Local 890, said that he has been approached by many workers asking how they could form an AFL union. He said also that if enough workers reply to the union invitations, a National Labor Relations board election would be requested to give the AFL clear jurisdiction throughout the industry.

The letters sent to these workers explain the AFL stand as follows:

Dear Sir or Madam: Enclosed you will find two self-addressed cards, which authorize the Fruit and Produce Drivers, Warehousemen and Employees' Local 890 to represent you. Please give one card to a fellow worker.

This is the same Union who has all the truck, tractor and loader drivers with the Grower-Shipper Association. We urge you to sign for the following reasons:

1. So that you may have local autonomy and a chartered local of your own.
2. So that you may elect your own officers from the RANK AND FILE which means no appointments by some international official who is miles away from your type of work.
3. Have your own treasury; have no assessments unless a majority of its members by secret ballot, shall vote one; have something to say about how your money shall be spent.
4. Be affiliated with the largest international Union in the world, whose economic strength does not stop after the lettuce is packed, but an organization who has contracts covering hauling, packing and transportation in every community in the United States and Canada.
5. Do away with the check-off system, which the rank and file did not approve, and go to a Union shop contract which will give you

### FISH CANNERY WORKERS COMPLETE NOMINATIONS; ELECTION THIS MONTH

Annual election of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union will be held this month, about October 21st, at the union headquarters at the Labor Temple in New Monterey. Nominations were completed at the union meeting last month.

The official ballot of the union finds competition for all key offices except secretary-treasurer. The ballot reads as follows:

**Constitution Committee**—Elsie Cowell, John Rosa, Lester Caveny. **President**—Joe Freitas, John Wheat, Bill Culver. **Vice-President**—Larry Marks. **Secretary-Treasurer**—Roy Humbrach. **Business Agent**—Lester Caveny, O. E. Dameron, Dwight R. Campbell. **Sergeant-at-Arms**—Harold Bicknell. **Trustees**—Claude Bennett, O. E. Dameron, Joe Perry, George Moore. **EXECUTIVE BOARD**—Hovden's—Cora Phillips, John Rosa, Joe Freitas, Sid Phillips. **Hovden's Moss Landing**—Leo Hettinger, Verna Barkley. **Monterey Fish Products**—Bert Butler. **Sea Pride**—Frank Bergara, Mamie Irwin. **Edgewater**—H. G. Hamilton. **Del Mar**—Beulah Cole, Harold Bicknell. **Monterey Canning**—John Wheat. **Custom House**—John Sanchez, Gladys Traves, Flora Martin. **San Xavier**—Lillian Lilly. **San Carlos**—Elsie Howder, Roscoe Jones. **Carmel Canning**—May Wong, O. E. Dameron, Marian Caveny, Alfred Leuschner, Charles Akin. **Peninsula Packing**—Walter Owens, Virginia Sutter, Eddie Soares. **C.P.C.**—Joe Perry, Jimmy Rodriguez, Louie Mathison, Tony Mancha. **Oxnard Canners**—Pete Hidalgo, George Moore. **Western Processors**—Gene Wilkey. **Enterprise**—Frank Quinones. **Western Fish Products**—Bud Sanders. **Delegates to Fish Council**—Joe Perry, O. E. Dameron, Marian Caveny, Bill Culver, Roscoe Jones. **Central Labor Council**—John Rosa, Bill Culver, Lester Caveny. **Board of Adjustment and Arbitration**—Pete Hidalgo, Marian Caveny, Joe Freitas, Bill Culver, Jimmy Rodriguez.

## Future of Central Valley: UNIONS URGED TO BACK FULL DEVELOPMENT

(Release from office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. The bedrock basis of California's postwar prosperity will be laid this winter when Congress makes appropriations for the Central Valleys Project—or CVP, as this over-all plan for control of our rivers is called.

The CVP is the complex system of dams, canals, conduits, turbines, steam-plants and transmission lines which promises to provide these things:

1. Top employment for California's booming population.
2. Water for arid lands, the only guarantee of good but cheap acres for veterans who want to farm.
3. Low-cost power for municipalities and for development of industries in this state.
4. Control of floods, improved navigation and diminished salinity of tidal lands.

**PRODUCTION BASIS** CVP, in short, provides the basis in resources for fullest production in California at lowest cost to producer and consumer, with top wages and buying power for working men and working farmers.

This is the basis of prosperity, and it is pointless to talk of what Kaiser will do here, or what Higgins will build here, until we know what amount of CVP development we are going to have here.

**SEE THREAT TO PLAN** With that decision to be made by the Reconversion Congress now in session, California labor recognizes a threat to the CVP in the Flood Control Act of 1944, which would make a botch of the CVP by creating a double authority for the unified plan and by authorizing the Army Corps of Engineers to build and administer low-level dams incapable of producing electric power and evading the Reclamation Laws, which are the legal guarantee of CVP's efficient operation.

**FULL DEVELOPMENT** The California Federation has urged full CVP development by the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior, rather than

the patch-work CVP authorized by the Flood Control Act.

Bureau's full-benefit plan for post-war construction calls for an \$800,000,000 expenditure, providing 600,000 million man-hours of work. Army's budget is about half this amount, with proportionately less employment.

An overflow meeting of labor and farm delegates in San Francisco recently attended the Central Valleys Project Conference and confirmed this support of the Bureau of Reclamation in letters to President Truman and the California Congressmen.

**LABOR MEN HELP** California Federation Vice-Presidents C. A. Green of Modesto and Tom Small of San Mateo were on the steering committee for the conference, for which State Grange Master George Sehlmeier was chairman. Over 30 A. F. of L. delegates from El Centro to Sacramento represented Central Labor Councils, Building Trades Councils and locals of electrical workers, pile drivers and carpenters.

**NOMINATE UNIONISTS** Among those nominated to the enlarged executive committee of the Conference were Ray Leheny, of the L. A. Teamsters; John Nelson, of the Sacramento Carpenters; C. W. McKay of the Vallejo Central Council; and George Solomon of the Napa Central Council.

The Conference will next hold a regional meeting in Sacramento, to be followed shortly by a Bakersfield conference. Secretary Haggerty urges that locals support these regional meets on this critical issue.

## Clip This---You May Need It! Unemployment Insurance

STATE OF CALIFORNIA Department of Employment

(This is No. 2 of a series of articles designed to thoroughly inform you on your rights and responsibilities under the California Unemployment Insurance Act.)

**BASE PERIOD**—The term "base period" indicates the period during which the wages earned by a worker are used in arriving at the maximum amount of benefits to which an individual is entitled and the weekly rate at which benefits are payable.

The period of time included in the base period of a claim is the first FOUR out of the last FIVE completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day on which a worker files a valid claim for unemployment insurance.

For Example: The base period on a claim filed at any time from July 1, 1945, through September 30, 1945, is the first four completed calendar quarters beginning April 1, 1944 and ending March 31, 1945. The fifth completed calendar quarter (April 1, 1945-June 30, 1945), is known as the "lag" quarter, and is excluded from the base period because:

An employer is not required to file a report of wages of his workers until the last day of the first month following the close of each calendar quarter. Moreover, after receiving the employer's report of wages earned, additional time is required to effect the accounting procedures necessary to credit the wages to the worker's account.

Hence, the quarter immediately preceding the date on which a new claim is filed is known as the "lag" quarter and the wages earned remain as a credit to the worker's account for inclusion in a future base period.

This feature of the Act enables a worker who has been continuously employed to file two claims before exhausting all of his wage credits.

For Example: Suppose that a worker earning \$40.00 per week had been continuously employed from April 1, 1944, through July 15, 1945, on which date he was laid off, and that he filed a claim for unemployment insurance on July 18, 1945.

The base period for a claim filed on July 18, 1945, would be the four quarters beginning April 1, 1944, and ending on March 31, 1945, and on the basis of earnings of \$40.00 per week, or a total earnings of \$2,080.00, this worker would be awarded \$468.00 payable at the rate of \$20.00 per week for total unemployment.

The benefit year on a claim continues for 52 weeks beginning with the first day of the first week in which an individual files a valid claim. Hence, the benefit year on a claim filed July 18, 1945, would expire on July 16, 1946.

### Hidden Defects

A certain prominent Roman, according to Plutarch, was harshly censured by friends for divorcing his wife.

"Was she not fair, was she not chaste?" they inquired.

Holding out his shoe, the Roman asked them whether it was not new and well made.

After examining it, they replied that it was.

"Yet," observed he, "none of you can tell me where it pinches me!"

### Blind Justice



Sen. Harold Burton (R., O.), above, has been appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court by President Truman. He is co-author of the notorious Ball-Burton-Hatch anti-labor bill which seeks to revise the Wagner labor relations act, (Federal Pictures)



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## The Labor Editor Speaks

## NOTE FOR THE NORDICS

Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., commandant of the military forces of Hawaii, says there is virtually no discrimination in the Islands. Yet there are from 65,000 to 70,000 Filipinos and 160,000 Japanese-Americans there as against some 150,000 whites. Here is a case where the "colored" peoples outnumber the "whites" considerably, yet there is no attempt on the part of the majority to dominate the minority, socially or economically. Richardson says that while the Japanese constitute more than a third of the population, they have proved themselves almost without exception patriotic and loyal during the war. Both Filipinos and Japanese are flocking into the trades unions just as eagerly as the whites and show that they are just as anxious to improve their standard of living.

Here, then, is a laboratory experiment in race relationship that smashes to smithereens the ancient prejudice that people of different pigments and eye-slantings can't work and live together.

## A SAGA OF SOLIDARITY

One of the biggest stories released since the burst of the bomb is about Australian dockworkers tying up 11 Dutch ships loaded with arms and munitions in order to prevent their being used to put down the independence rebellion in the Dutch East Indies. Yet the daily press either printed only buried squibs about it, or suppressed it altogether.

There is great significance in this dramatic development. The Indonesian peoples are taking the Atlantic Charter principles seriously—even if the Dutch and British are not. The fact that workers of one country will go on strike to help prevent imperialist shackles being replaced on the workers of another is the most heartening thing we have heard for a long time. It illustrates the contention that if idealistic promises made during the stress of war are to be lived up to, the workers of the world will have to exert the pressure.

## DEMOCRACY AND UNIONISM

Of late several Carpenter locals around the country have announced that they are going to go to bat for more use of the referendum in the international—especially its use in the election of international officials. They contend that convention-delegate system of electing officials is too far removed from the rank and file. Direct participation of all locals in such elections will create greater interest in inter-union affairs in general. We have got along pretty well with direct election of the President of the United States, and there is no reason why direct election of a president of an international union should prove any less workable. Many AFL internationals, such as the Typographical, have operated under this set-up for a long time and the result is quick response to the desires of the membership at large. There is only one remedy for the shortcomings of democracy, and that is more democracy!

## THE SPIRIT AND THE FLESH

The pinnacle of pronouncements by General Douglas MacArthur is the following:

"Military alliance, balances of power, League of Nations, all in turn failed. . . . We have had our last chance. If we do not now devise some greater and more equitable system of international relations, the problem basically is theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advance in science, art, literature and all material and cultural developments of the past two thousand years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh."

The failure to reorganize and modernize our economics is apparent to all thinkers. A million workers are threatening to strike. "Cut-backs" are throwing men out of work. Millions of families will be reduced to poverty. Crime, insanity and moral delinquencies will increase.

No society can long be prosperous with immense aggregations of wealth in the hands of the few and poverty the lot of the many. Yes, the spirit must change "if we are to save the flesh."

## WAR IDEALS FORGOTTEN?

The great powers are juggling territories and colonies without any seeming regard to the wishes of the people who are traded like "dumb driven cattle."

What has become of the Atlantic Charter? Failure to gain the free consent of the people to all settlements will lead only to new wars which may be more devastating than the present one—which is not "over" until the treaties are signed.

## FOR WAR-TIME UNIONISTS

A lot of you who joined the union didn't want to. You said you would get the same wages without a union and you wouldn't have to pay dues. Now that the war is over and the scramble for jobs is on, you'll discover that the union is your real friend and your dues a real investment.

## Back Aid for Physically Handicapped

(Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. The Congress of the United States, in passing House Resolution 23, designated the week which began October 7 as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." The resolution provides that during this week appropriate ceremonies are to be held throughout the nation so that as much public support as possible can be developed for the employment of physically handicapped people who may be otherwise qualified to render service.

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor has requested State Federations, Central Labor Bodies and Federal Labor Unions to arrange for meetings to discuss the various problems of the physically handicapped people in our country, and to formulate and adopt plans and programs which may be applied locally for the purpose of aiding and assisting the physically handicapped, who are otherwise qualified to work, to secure jobs and earn a living. The California State Federation of Labor joins heartily with this request of President Green and urges all of its affiliates to do everything they possibly can to further this worthy cause.

In this letter to the Federation, President Green stated: "I know it is the desire and purpose of the membership of the American Federation of Labor to help and assist those who are physically handicapped and to serve in every way possible in broadening and extending opportunities for them to work and earn a decent living. In order to be helpful and serviceable to the physically handicapped who may be otherwise qualified to work and serve and earn a living, I respectfully request that the membership of the American Federation of Labor observe 'National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week,' and to do so in a practical and constructive way."

The Federation hopes that the Unions in California will contribute their share in this important activity.



"Yessir," said Mr. Dilworth, "that's really big news."  
"The fact that Congress won't do anything about jobs or jobless pay and has gone back to worrying about how to cut corporation taxes," asked Little Luther.  
"That's not a question, Luther, that's a statement and a very unfair one, too, I may say. You sound like a heckler trying to embarrass the better element in a Town Hall debate."

"You sound like a stuffed shirt with the stuffing dripping out," retorted his son, dodging a kick. "But what is this great news you spoke of, if it's not Congress spitting in the eye of the people who elected 'em?"

"Luther, this is a terrific story," Mr. Dilworth said impressively. "The New York World Telegram puts a four-column, two-line head over it. It's world-shaking, it's . . ."  
"Indeed, it must be," Little Luther agreed. "Is it some secret you're afraid to tell me about. What is it?"

"Why, it says here," his father confided, "that Emperor Hirohito is opposed to a revolution in Japan. I guess that puts the State Department in its place."

"That's news?" asked Little Luther. "So's Martin Dies opposed to revolution, but they don't run a top banner on it every day."

"Is it news?" screamed Mr. Dilworth. "With everybody in the world except a few men of keen vision talking revolution, revolution, revolution . . ."  
"Record's cracked," Luther observed.

"Well, anyway," Mr. Dilworth insisted, "it's good to see SOME foreigner who doesn't want a revolution."

"I would have sworn the emperor would be in favor of a Japanese revolution," said Little Luther, nodding his head sadly. "What king or emperor isn't?"  
"You're out of your head," Mr. Dilworth exclaimed.

"So's my old man," said Little Luther.

## Ross Fears Gains For Negroes Will Be Lost

New York City The small gains Negroes and other minority groups made in industry during the war are in grave danger of being wiped out by reconversion, FEPC Chairman Malcolm Ross warned here at a conference attended by 300 representatives of 73 labor, church, educational and business organizations.

## THE MARCH OF LABOR



IN ORDINARY YEARS, FROM 8 TO 10% OF THE NATIONAL INCOME IS "SAVED." BUT MOST OF THIS SAVING IS MADE BY PEOPLE IN THE UPPER INCOME BRACKETS AND THEIR SAVINGS ARE REALLY INVESTMENTS.



BETWEEN 1942 AND 1943 THE AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE ROSE SIX-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT! THE INCREASE IN HOURLY EARNINGS WAS DUE TO PEOPLE WORKING HARDER, LONGER, AND AT HIGHER SKILLS.



ONE NATION, by Wallace Stegner and the Editors of Look, Price \$3.75. Published by Houghton-Mifflin Co., 2 Park Street, Boston, Mass.

In my opinion, this is the finest job yet done on informing the United States on the problem of minorities in this country. There have been many splendid books appealing to a sense of fair play, such as those of Carey McWilliams, but "One Nation" is mostly a photographic story, and the gorgeous pictures taken by Look's camera men get the message of racial tolerance over with a wallop. Any person who takes the time out to look these pictures over and to read the big-typed comment between them cannot help but have his prejudices begin to dry up a little.

"One Nation" is one of the Houghton-Mifflin "A Life-In-America Prize Book" series and the publishers are to be congratulated on performing a social service. This volume is a masterpiece of attractive editing and lay-out. It tells the story of the minorities which, combined, make up a majority of the population of this country—the Jews, Filipinos, Japanese, Chinese, Mexicans, Indians, Hispanics, Negroes, and how prejudice not only holds back these folks from enjoying their rightful heritage as American citizens, but tends to weaken the social fabric. A special chapter is devoted to various anti-Catholic movements that lead to friction and recrimination.

It is too bad that this admirable book cannot be read by every adult in this country, for it is just what the doctor ordered—especially at a time when the scramble for jobs is bound to intensify racial friction and fascist demagogues will make the most of it. Certainly every public library should put it in stock so that as many as possible can read it. Meantime, you should get a copy and keep it around to remind you once in a while that this is polyglot America, great because it is such and that persecution of minorities is the best way to kick it to pieces.

—AL SESSIONS.

SPEAKING SPANISH, A Conversational Guide, by Carl and Annemarie Tyre. Price \$2.25. Published by Henry Holt and Company, 257 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

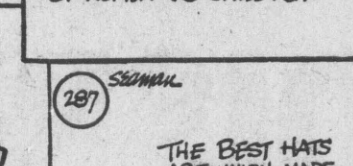
The writer has dabbled in Spanish for a number of years and has had occasion to buy numerous texts and guides on learning the language at home. Many methods have been used to get the student to quit THINKING English as he learns his Spanish, but this book seems to me to be one of the very best in this regard. It is primarily prepared for those who, like myself, have more or less of a "smattering" of Spanish and guides the user into more conversational usage. It will be very helpful to those who have not mastered the language but who want to be familiar enough with it to "get by" on visits to Mexico and other Spanish-speaking countries.

The Tyres, associated with the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, have had ample opportunity to study the idiom of Mexico and South American countries and have prepared a very practical study. The conversational approach deals with all the common subjects the traveler needs—time, weather, family, home, meals, food, transportation, clothes, shows, toilet articles, communication and finance, the body, sports, entertainment, etc.

Henry Holt and Company have



THE TEXTILE UNIONS IN 1907 SUCCEEDED IN GETTING A LAW PASSED IN MASSACHUSETTS PROHIBITING NIGHT WORK OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.



THE BEST HATS ARE UNION-MADE. LOOK FOR THIS LABEL IN THE NEXT HAT YOU BUY; YOU'LL GET THE MOST FOR YOUR MONEY.



PLOWMAN'S FOLLY, by Edward H. Faulkner, Price \$1.00. (NOTE: If you cannot get this volume at your local bookshop, write direct to publisher, Grosset & Dunlap, Inc., 1107 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y.)

Someone has called the main theme of this book "revolutionary" and, after reading it, it is difficult to deny that it is just that. When you think of tilling the land you automatically associate the process with a plow, but along comes Mr. Faulkner to "kill" the moldboard plow one of the abominations of agriculture. When he states flatly, "the fact is that no one has ever advanced a scientific reason for plowing," you arch your eyebrows and wonder if he might not be on the cracked side. But he is no idle theorist. As a practical farmer he has carried out his own program and his farm neighbors testify that he produces better crops than they do.

Faulkner says that conventional plowing is often responsible for soil depletion by disturbing natural plant food and capillary moisture supply at the surface. His method, roughly speaking, is to put green manures into the surface and then to work them in only with a disc harrow. He reports that he has made highly productive soils out of poor ones in this manner. Lots of our union people are farmers on the side and it might pay them to get hold of this book and study Faulkner's ideas and experiments.

—AES.

"AND THE WIND BLOWS FREE," by Luke Short, published by The Macmillan Company, 60 Fifth Avenue, New York City, 172 pages, \$1.75.

For those who want a "different" western story, Luke Short's newest novel, "And the Wind Blows Free," published by Macmillan, is recommended.

Factual as well as unusual, "And the Wind Blows Free" is the story of the fabulous Jim Wade, who brought Texas cattle into the Oklahoma Indian lands despite uprisings, government edicts, and other difficulties encountered in the old days before the Indian grazing lands became a part of Oklahoma.

The tale is unfolded by Joel Hardy, a clerk and the right-hand man of Jim Wade's in his ventures. The narrator dwells at length on Jim Wade's one weakness—his love for Ellen Preflake, wife of an Army officer.

Jim Wade makes a good hero, and his daring and bravado keep the story moving rapidly. The finale, with its stampeding cattle and the showdown between Jim Wade and Col. Preflake is unusual and most interesting.

The historical data is worthy of study and the tale is worthy of reading.

—W. B. PEDIGO.

## Guatemala Labor In Latin-American Fed.

The Confederation of Workers of Guatemala in an extraordinary meeting of its executives, voted to affiliate with the C.T.A.L. This is the 23rd trade union center that has joined the Latin-American Confederation of Labor.

## GIGGLES AND GROANS

## THE ACID TEST

A man who had a hunting lodge in the north woods took a friend with him one year. On the way they stopped in an Indian village, and an ugly old squaw got into the car with her pack. No explanation was made. When they got to camp the squaw was installed in a separate shack, and thereafter spent most of the daylight hours sitting on a log smoking a pipe. She never conversed with the men, never did a lick of work—just sat contentedly smoking, retiring at night to her own quarters.

One day the guest's curiosity got the better of him, and he asked his host: "Why did you bring that old woman along? We do all our own work, and she just sits there and smokes."

The host replied, "Well, it's like this, I get to hunting and fishing, and I could keep it up forever. But when she starts looking pretty to me, I know it's time to go home."

## MATTER OF OPINION

GOTTIE: "Gee, I'm sorry I came to hear this lecturer. He sounds like he was a little horse."

MOITIE: "Shouldn't you say a certain part of the horse?"

## PLEASED TO MEAT YOU!

SHE: "What were you doing after the accident?"

HE: "Scraping up an acquaintance."

## DOESN'T TAKE LONG

"You know, dear," said she, "love is a wonderful thing. I've just read an article here in this paper all about a man who reached the age of forty without learning to read and write. Then he fell in love with a woman, and for her sake he made a scholar of himself in two years."

"That's nothing," replied her husband. "I know a man who was a profound scholar at forty. Then he met a woman, and for her sake he made a fool of himself in two days."

## QUITE A RUMPUS

Mary was visiting her grandparents in the country. One morning she went to the barn with her grandfather. Watching the horses in the stalls for a while, she asked solemnly: "Horses aren't like cars, are they, Grandpa?"  
"Why, what do you mean, Mary?"  
"Well, cars have their windshield wipers in front."

## PAGE THE WPB!

"John, dear," said Mrs. Smith, "such an odd thing happened today. The clock fell off the wall, and if it had fallen a moment sooner it would have hit mother."

## TRUSTING CHAP

GREEN: "What's your idea of an optimist?"

JONES: "A fellow without any money going into a restaurant and ordering oysters, in the hope that he will be able to pay for his dinner with a pearl."

## SUCH NEGLIGENCE

PARENT (to Section Foreman): "Are you the man who saved my little boy from being run over by the Streamliner?"

SECTION FOREMAN (proudly): "Yes, I am."

PARENT: "Well, where are his mittens?"

## IT'S PSYCHOLOGICAL

"When I told my wife that I feel 20 years younger after I get up in the morning and shave," said Eddie Cantor, "she said it would be better if I'd shave before going to bed."

## NOR CAN AGE WITH

MINISTER: Is your grandfather at home?

JUNIOR: I ain't seen him.

MINISTER: You haven't seen him? Where is your grammar?

JUNIOR: In the kitchen making up to the ice man.

## WELL, IT'S ONE WAY

ST. Peter: "How did you get here?"

Trucker: "Flu."

## Barbers Given Pay for Time Lost In Strike

Detroit, Michigan Full pay for time lost on strike was paid to a score of members of Local 552, Journeymen Barbers, Hairdressers and Cosmetologists (AFL), after the Charmode Beauty Shop (Terminal chain) in the Hotel Book-Cadillac admitted that it had illegally broken the union contract. Sec. Geo. Husk of the local announced.

Manicurists were raised in the settlement to \$25 a week guaranteed plus 60% of the receipts over \$37. All incidental employees now have to join some AFL union.

## The Popular Canine

A dog is loved  
By old and young;  
He wags his tail,  
And not his tongue.

## Labor and Management: FUTURE OF WARTIME PLAN OF INDUSTRY CO-OPERATION SEEMS MARKED FOR DEATH

By TRAVIS K. HEDRICK

Washington, D. C. Like a rudderless ship, U. S. labor policy is veering with the winds. One of the indications is seen in the fact that up to Sept. 28, the federal government had not made up its mind whether it will continue to sponsor the labor-management committees set up by WPB.

At the height of the war, there were some 5,000 labor-management committees operating in the country. Today there are something less than 3800, although a survey made by WPB recently showed that 60 per cent of them intend to continue operations into peacetime production.

Should the committees continue operations, they will do so without the helpful hand of Uncle Sam. Government sponsorship officially ended at dusk Sept. 28, folding up a staff of 27 in Washington and some 50 field representatives.

LABOR DEPT. SHIES OFF Neither Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach nor Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace has indicated whether they will absorb the service—and there are substantial reasons to believe the Labor Department won't do so.

Schwellenbach, a former judge, has an idea he is going to streamline his department and wants to do so without "unnecessary frills." He will not object to the continuation of labor-management committees as long as government has no responsibility in their operation.

The majority of management is in favor of letting the labor-management committee idea die with the war, although a minority of major employers has found them really beneficial.

## POSITION OF AFL

The AFL has gone on record favoring continuing the committees in general, but this support is not universal through all of its af-

## Faint Recollection

The last time that Thomas Lamont was in London he checked on the story that Lenin, many years ago, spent a long period of study in the British Museum. Lamont asked an aged attendant, "Do you remember seeing a little man named Lenin around here several years ago? He had a small, reddish beard, and he probably spent most of his time in the sociology and political philosophy alcoves." "Lenin? Lenin?" mused the old attendant. "Why, yes, I do remember a gent by that name, sir. Read a powerful lot of deep books, 'e did, sir. You know, I've often wondered what became of that little man!"

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BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 8 p.m. Pres. John Durnell, 533 E. Alisal, Secretary, Leon J. Smith, 117 Main St., phone 4302.

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CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30, Carpenters' Hall, North Main St. Pres. Roy Willis; Vice-Pres. R. Timmerman; Bus. Agt., George Harter; Sec. H. L. Taft, 243 Clay St., Phone 4246; Treas., R. L. Thurman, 5 Port Ave.; Rec. Sec., Amos Schofield.

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CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—No regular meetings scheduled, and subject only to call. Secretary Bertha A. Boles. Office at Teamsters Hall, Main and John Sts., phone 6209.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 2nd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 8 p.m. Pres. C. R. Ingersoll, P.O. Box 2, Freedom, Secretary, Harry Vosburgh, 404 California St., Salinas, phone 4972.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple, Pres. Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 1216; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, Local Union 243—Meets the first Tuesday in each month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Bus. Mgr. Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St. E. M. Bills, Pres. Phone 6524.

HOD CARRIERS AND LABORERS UNION 272—Meets second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 17 Railroad Ave.; J. F. Mattos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas; J. B. McGinley, Bus. Agent, office at 117 Pajaro St.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Bengel, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, Phone 9223.

MONTEREY COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR UNION—Meets every Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. at Teamsters' Hall, John and Main Sts.; W. G. Kenyon, Sec.-Treas., %Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., phone 4893; home phone 8539. Pres., F. H. L. Sprague, ph. 3863. Labor Council Negotiation Committee: Albert Harris, Main and John Sts., ph. 4983; Geo. Harter, Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main St., ph. 5721.

OPERATIVE PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS OF SALINAS AND MONTEREY COUNTY, LOCAL UNION No. 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m. at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, Phone 1423; President, Don Frick.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Donald McBeth, 1014 Le Costa St., phone 4126. Secretary and Business Agent, Dennis Hartman, 614 Mae Ave., phone 8783.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION Local 503—Meets second Wednesday of each month 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, Pres., Colin Borden, Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, Erwin Goodson, Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex-Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Monday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schirre, 636 El Camino Real, No. 7080.

PRESSMEN 228—Meets last Tuesday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., Milo Wingard, 339 West St., Salinas, Secretary, Milo Martella, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Sec., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey.

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple, President, H. E. Lyons, 15 West Street, Secretary, R. M. Allen, 124 East Alisal Street, Salinas.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—President, J. Collins; Secretary, Treasurer, R. MacRossie; Recording secretary, H. Dill. Meet in Forsters Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO TRUCK DRIVERS' UNION, LOCAL NO. 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. Salinas, phone 7590.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month at 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 346 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, phone 167.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATERPROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., E. E. Lehr, 142-11th St., Pacific Grove, Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, Phone 9668.

WAREHOUSEMEN 890—Meets first Tuesday night at Teamsters' Hall, John and Main streets. Office at same address, phone 4993. President, Albert Harris, Secretary, W. G. Kenyon. Financial secretary and business representative, Peter A. Andrade.

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## Salinas - Watsonville Division

# With Local 890

## FRUIT & PRODUCE DRIVERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND EMPLOYEES UNION

Main and John Streets  
Salinas, California

**IMPORTANT!** To all our members at the Raiter Canning Company: When you receive this paper, back-pay checks will be ready for you for the accumulations in over-time from the period back to October 16, 1944. This should affect nearly 80 male employees of the Frank Raiter Canning Company.

To all of our people who are employed at the Dempsey-Hudson Company: Please call at the Company's office in the event you have back-pay coming. This should affect all employees who have worked over 8 hours without time and one-half. Most of the men who were employed at that plant were receiving straight time up to 60 hours, as well as women. The accumulative amounts of over-time, based on the 8-hour day and the 40-hour week and applying the rate of time and one-half, dates back to the retroactive date, as agreed to in the contract, of July 10, 1945.

To all our members employed in the Watsonville Ice Industry: Effective Monday, October 8th, the following classifications shall receive a 5% increase or the equivalent thereof, to come in line with the original contract agreed to, but had received modified approval or denial by the War Labor Board: Top stacker, head trucker, Warehousemen, Ice storage men and car icers. This should bring the minimum to 90c per hour. All other conditions remain the same until a new contract is consummated. Our present contract expires December 8, 1945.

To all of our members employed at the Western Frozen Foods Company: Written demands in our new contract, calling for wages, hours and conditions have been presented to the employer. This contract contains a request for increases ranging from 25-30%, as well as general improvements in all working conditions. This was in accordance with the results of our last regular meeting. We will progress. Keep in close contact with our business representative, W. G. Kenyon, who is in your area.

News Item! (Speigl Foods Co.)—We regret to inform our members employed in the trimming room that Vivian Crisp, one of our able shop stewardesses, who was employed for two years and who has done a fine job of representing the union, has resigned to go into housekeeping on a full-time basis.

Vivian may come back some day, and in the meantime, she intends to stay home. We wish to extend on behalf of all of our members, our deepest appreciation to Vivian Crisp for the manner in which she conducted herself while serving as shop stewardess.

Speigl Foods Co.—Safety committees will be appointed in a short time to cover the entire plant. The safety committee will be composed of members of our union, and members of Speigl's executive staff. Rules and regulations governing procedure on this matter will appear in next week's issue.

To our members employed at the Growers Ice & Development Co.: This is to advise you that our members in this particular plant elected Andrew Arroya to represent them as the shop steward. Please co-operate with this brother because he will endeavor to help you solve any immediate problem that might arise.

The War Chest campaign is now on. The need is great. We ask all of our members to donate as generously as possible to this worthy cause.

Our union is making collections for the War Chest, and you can leave your contribution at the office, if you wish. At the Speigl plant, collections for the War Chest are being taken at the personnel office.

**GIVE MORE THAN BEFORE—THE NEED IS GREATER!**

**NOTICE:** Are you registered as a voter? You can register to vote by signing necessary papers at the union office. Be sure to register now so you can vote in coming elections, including the Salinas zoning amendment election on November 6.

Any unemployed member of Local 890 should register at the union offices—NOT at the United States Unemployment Service or elsewhere—**IF YOU WANT WORK.** Our office can place you on a job, or we will help you register to collect your unemployment compensation. Remember: Try the UNION OFFICE first.

## GILROY DIVISION

53 West Sixth Street  
(Opposite U. S. Postoffice)  
Telephone 559

To all of our members: Please carry your Union card with you at all times. Due to a very intensive organization campaign now under way, members may be asked to show their cards at any time. Your dues book is the only proper identification card to show that you are a member. Wear your button so that it can be noticed by the shop stewards. Pay your dues on time. Remember, that a delinquent member is not eligible for sick and death benefits. Attend all meetings regularly.

Our union regrets to announce the death of Brother James Compton, who was employed by the C. B. Gentry Company. He passed away on Monday, October 1st, after a lingering illness. Jim was born in Reno county, Kansas, 59 years ago, coming to Gilroy in 1927. He became employed by the C. B. Gentry Company three years ago, and was one of the first employees in Gilroy to become a member of Local 890. He leaves his wife, Mary Compton, and his children: Cpl. Raymond Compton, just returned from the European campaign; Marion Compton, just entered the service; James Compton, Audrey Compton and Mrs. Phoebe Christofersen.

The following received sick benefits for the week:  
Anna Holzhauser, Gilroy, first week; Lydia Salazar, Gilroy, first week; John B. Williams, Salinas, fourth week; Buelah L. Vadin, Salinas, third week; Effie McClain, Gilroy, second week; Peter B. Castro, Watsonville, seventh week; Elma Price, Watsonville, second week; Ruby O'Neil, Gilroy, fourth week and fifth week; Dolores Vanzuela, Salinas, tenth and final week; Lillie M. Homer, Salinas, second week; Mrs. Mary Compton (on behalf of James Compton, Gilroy), death benefit.

**Natural Deduction**  
Marooned on a sandy South Pacific island, two sailors were making a careful search for anything edible.  
"With all this sand," muttered one, "I'm sure there must be some spinach around here!"

## President Green Warns Official Of Legion About DeMille Action

Washington, D. C. In an official protest wired to National Commander Edward Scheiberling, AFL President William Green has warned the American Legion that award of a gold medal to Producer Cecil B. DeMille would affect the "cooperative relationships" between the AFL and the Legion.

Green acted as the Wall Street Post of the Legion in New York moved to award DeMille a gold medal for his Americanism. DeMille has refused to pay an assessment by the American Federation of Radio Artists for political action and started organization of a movement to halt political activities by unions.

The AFL chief's wire said "presentation of this award to Cecil B. DeMille by your Wall Street Post will, I believe, seriously affect the cooperative relationship which has existed for many years between the AFL and the American Legion."

**Fifty Senators Give Support On Poll Tax**  
Washington, D. C. Promises of support for the House-passed bill to abolish the poll tax have been received from 50 Senators, 44 of whom have permitted the use of their names, the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax announced.

## MINUTES

## Bldg. Trades Council

Meeting called to order by President Wm. J. Dickerson at 8 p.m. Roll call showed six Local Unions represented. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. All bills were ordered paid.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Received a copy of an agreement together with the negotiated wage scale for Laborers in Monterey County, Calif.

Received a copy of the Master Agreement between the Pile Drivers, Bridge, Wharf and Dock Builders, Local No. 34 and the Northern Chapter of the Associated General Contractors.

From the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, several copies of On the Job Training blanks for the indenturing of apprentices.

Received a copy of minutes from the San Francisco Bay Building Trades meeting in request for wage adjustment, 9/25/45.

From Building and Construction Trades Council of Marin County, a resolution in the request for an increase in the state pension and allotment for the aged.

From Building and Construction Trades Council of Santa Clara County, a copy of minutes.

Received a report from Northern Union Health Committee.

From the California State Federation of Labor, two weekly news letters and a report on the convention committee.

Received a wage scale for building crafts from the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Monterey County, Calif.

## REPORT OF BUSINESS AGENT

Brother Long reports some 22 new homes started during the past two weeks, three store buildings, six rooms added to homes, four store fronts remodeled, one logging mill for General Box Co., several new cabins and homes in the Carmel Valley. Many places are waiting for finishing lumber and rock, lath and flooring.

## REPORTS OF UNIONS

Brother O'Neil, Plumbers No. 62—Visited San Francisco. There is a big demand for building mechanics, the city is overcrowded. Brother Fales, Electrical Workers No. 1072—Held a special meeting where Mr. Holman, High School shop instructor, explained the apprentice school and the trade extension program.

Brother Evans, Carpenters No. 1323—Well attended meeting, refreshments.

Brother Ward, L.U. No. 1323—Reports a visit to Los Angeles, the hottest day in 69 years and glad to get home. He reported a building program for Salinas in the making.

## GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

The Council would like to be notified of any wage adjustment made or contemplated by the various crafts.

No further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

L. T. LONG,  
Secretary-Manager.

## MINUTES

## Central Labor Council

Minutes of the meeting of October 2, 1945, Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council.

There was no quorum present, so no regular meeting could be held.

The only legal business transacted was to change the hour of meeting from 7 to 8 p. m. All delegates are asked to keep in mind this change in meeting time and to remember the date of the next meeting—October 16.

An informal meeting was held and several matters were considered. It was voted to support the campaign for funds for the Community and War Chest and all locals were urged to give what they can for this purpose.

Announcement was made of a program of training for waiters and dining room employees under the direction of the Adult School of the Monterey Union High School and union support and co-operation was asked.

The president of the council voiced an urgent request for all affiliated locals to see to it that their delegates attend meetings of the Central Labor Council.

WAYNE EDWARDS,  
Secretary.

## Angling Club of S. F. Votes to Eliminate Rules On Exclusion

San Francisco, Calif. The president of the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club recently announced that its membership had voted to eliminate from its by-laws a section limiting membership to "White Caucasians." In its place is a section providing that "any person of good moral character is eligible to membership in this club."

Although the club is a private organization, it has been exercising more or less supervisory control of a club house and casting pools in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. Henry Fujita, national casting champion, was excluded from the organization early in the year solely because of his race.

**—Buy U. S. War Bonds!—**

## YOUR CONGRESSMAN REPORTS



By  
GEORGE E. OUTLAND

There is little doubt that the problem concerning which members of Congress are now receiving more mail than any other is that of the discharge of men and women from the armed services. During the war against Germany and Japan the United States built the most powerful army and navy in the world's history, and in doing so removed from civilian life some twelve million individuals. The great majority of these men and women are naturally anxious to return to their homes and communities at the earliest possible moment. Their families naturally are anxious for their return just as soon as possible. The importance of rapid demobilization within the framework of those needs which are essential to our international obligations is evident. Ours is not a military nation; we have never had and we should not start now to develop a military caste.

Several points should be noted, however, in attempting to analyze this problem of Army and Navy discharges. We do have an army of occupation in Germany and one in Japan, and in certain respects their duties are as important to world peace of the future as was their presence during the actual fighting. Certain members of the armed forces are in particular or specialized fields, which must necessarily delay somewhat their return to civilian life. Transportation difficulties from certain sectors must be considered. Family responsibilities should be properly weighed. Community needs for particular types of service, such as medical and dental, should play a more important role than they have in the past.

Shortly after the collapse of Germany the War Department announced the Discharge Point System. This system was based on the length of service, both in this country and overseas, age, the amount of combat duty, and the number of dependents. When this system was first put into effect, discharges were coming in at the rate of four thousand a day; since the ending of the war with Japan, they have increased to twenty-seven thousand a day, and there are indications that they will increase still further. Moreover, the critical point score for enlisted men has been lowered considerably; General Marshall told members of the House and Senate on September 20 that this would be reduced to 70 points by October 1, and to 60 points by November 1. He stated further that he hoped by the end of the year all men who had served in the Army for two or more years would be released.

Increasing attention is being given to expediting the release of medical and dental officers from both the Army and Navy. This has been one of the sore spots in the demobilization program to date, and there appears to be little doubt that both branches of the service have failed to give adequate consideration to community needs, as well as having over-estimated their own needs for this type of individual. According to the present Army plan, thirteen thousand physicians and thirty-five hundred dentists will have been returned to civilian life from that branch of the service alone by January 1, 1946, and it is expected that by June, 1946, these figures will have reached thirty thousand and ten thousand respectively. Further reduction in the number of points for these officers is contemplated in the near future. A similar situation exists in regard to the discharge of doctors and dentists from the Navy.

Your representative is always glad to assist in calling to the attention of either branch of the service a worthy case where immediate discharge is important. It is essential to note, however, that applications for discharge must be made first of all directly by the individual to his immediate Commanding Officer. In this type of case, as in all other types that are called to my attention, I shall be glad to help to the best of my ability. I can only repeat the statement, however, that I have made on other occasions; namely, that this office will always guarantee to try to help, but it cannot always guarantee results. The complicating factors are too many. I may say, however, that I am more optimistic about increasingly effective demobilization than I have been since returning to Washington.

Until next week. . .

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**Fiddling As Rome Burns:  
CRITICAL SOCIAL PROBLEMS  
WORSEN AS TORY-POLL TAX  
CONGRESSMEN STYMIE BILLS**

By TRAVIS K. HEDRICK

Washington, D. C.

Dark clouds are rolling over the nation's capital with scarcely a trace of the traditional silver lining, and unless the barometer takes an unexpected rise, some folks are going to get awfully wet.

Strikes resulting from the determination of employers to stop labor's demand for wage increases heretofore held in check by wartime policies, are spreading in oil, auto, and other major industries.

Unemployment, despite pious expressions from officialdom here, has not been lessened in any material way.

President Harry S. Truman has demonstrated that he is first a politician and second an opportunist. He has shown he can talk "for labor" in a speech and then make his appointments 100 per cent on the side of the conservative, if not the most reactionary elements.

**"PAT ON THE BACK"**

Congress, in both the House and Senate, is determined not to give labor anything other than a weak pat on the back and an admonition to "be good." The GOP-poll-tax coalition in both houses is functioning splendidly . . . and from all indications is powerful enough to stop enactment of the full employment bill, real unemployment compensation, the 65c minimum wage measure and other progressive legislation . . . or make them meaningless.

What all this adds up to in precise terms is difficult to say—but it would not be amiss to suggest that it does spell a headache for Truman's labor-management conference meeting here.

**LABOR SKEPTICAL**

Although Truman called the joint meeting to prepare a formula for industrial peace in the post-war reconversion period to handle disputes without strikes and lock-outs and to frame industrial codes, industry by industry, it is not considered likely that organized labor will accept so narrow an approach.

From public statements of AFL President William Green, it can be gathered that labor is going to demand a much broader program—or not play ball.

None but the most naive of the "labor experts" in government believe labor will accept another no-strike pledge without some real guarantees about immediate wage increases, real unemployment compensation above the ragged state level, and a solid boost to about 65c in the minimum wage law.

**POLITICAL EFFECTS**

Unless these long-overdue concessions are permitted, the national political picture is in for a change. The Democratic party has been in power for some 13 years. It cannot remain in power without the support of organized labor.

Some of the Democratic party's leadership has allowed wishful thinking to rule its reasoning . . . to forget that the Democrats must be the party of progress and liberalism.

**Green Urges Workers  
To Buy More Bonds**

Washington, D. C.

AFL President William Green launched labor's participation in the new Victory Bond drive with a radio appeal to all the nation's workers to invest to the limit of their means. He said:

"All of us realize how important Victory Bonds are to the vital interests of the nation. America needs the money to pay for winning the peace and to bring our boys back home."

"But did you ever stop to think what these bonds mean to you personally? The Victory 'E' Bond is designed for your protection. If you still have a job, Victory Bonds are the best and safest investment of your savings. If you lose your job temporarily, your Victory Bonds will carry you over until you find a new one. Every dollar you put into Victory Bonds now helps to prevent inflation of the cost of living."

"The American Federation of Labor urges all its members to buy Victory Bonds to the limit of their means."

**They Denounced Franco**

Franco should be prosecuted as a war criminal, Nikolai Novikov, Charge d'affaires of Soviet Embassy in Washington, told a cheering audience of 18,000 at Salute to Spanish Republicans rally in New York. Here he talks with other speakers. L to r: Chairman Edward K. Barsky of Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, Mme. Isabel de Palencia, Spanish Republican leader, and Novikov. (Federated Pictures)

**Federation  
Convention  
Waits Upon  
Site, Shown**

(Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

Because of the great interest evinced in a convention of the Federation, the Executive Council at its last meeting instructed the Secretary to inform the affiliated organizations that the Federation will do everything possible to hold a convention as soon as conditions permit. The following letter which is self-explanatory has been sent out to all the affiliated organizations:

"With the sudden ending of the war the Executive Council recognized at once the need to hold a state convention of the California State Federation of Labor. Only war restrictions have forced us to postpone our annual conventions since the last one, held in Long Beach in 1942."

**MANY SURVEYS MADE**

"Immediately after V-J Day a thorough survey was made to ascertain whether a convention might be held this year but to our disappointment the convention bureau, chambers of commerce, and hotel associations in the largest cities in California, which were contacted by your secretary, refused to accept a convention stating that it was impossible to house a convention the size of the State Federation of Labor. Discharge of servicemen and problems relating thereto prevent the return to normalcy of the sizable cities in California, only a few of which in any case could accommodate our convention."

**EFFORTS CONTINUED**

"Hopeful that this condition would change, the Executive Council decided that the secretary was to continue his efforts to arrange for the holding of a convention."

"We wish to assure our affiliates that this convention will occur as soon as the city that can accommodate it is located and all the necessary arrangements are completed in line with our constitution. Notice of such a convention will be immediately dispatched to our affiliated organizations."

**Oakland Man  
Tells Some  
Facts About  
Pay Scales**

Washington, D. C.

Some economic facts were pounded home before the Senate labor and education subcommittee by Patrick W. McDonough, owner of the McDonough Steel Co., Oakland, in support of the bill for a 65c minimum wage (S.1349).

"Employers never raise wages unless they are forced to," he said. "High wages and high production are synonymous. Profits increase with an increase in wages. Higher wages cause better production."

McDonough is a director in the U.S. Smaller War Plants Corp. and during the war produced steel invasion boats, cutting the cost to the U.S. from over \$25,000 to \$12,000—the lowest figure in the country while at the same time paying the highest wages.

This unusual business executive said "I have seen wages increase from 20c an hour to \$1. and the end cost of the product in our line is less than it was 40 years ago." He credits this to improved methods and mechanization.

Elaborating on his wage theory, McDonough said "I have never seen an increase in wages freely granted in a competitive field. Wages necessary to sustain life in a good standard of living will not be paid by some employers unless it is obligatory."

**Steel Official Gets  
Indicted for Assault  
On Picketer for AFL**

Philadelphia, Penn.

Assistant Treasurer John Hough of the Midvale Steel Co. was indicted on charges of assault and battery on a picket in the month-old strike which was called in a dispute over V-J Day holiday pay.

At the same time Thomas Gilmore, machine shop superintendent, was charged in a warrant with assault on President Alexander I. Dever of Federal Labor Union 18,887, leader of the more than 6000 strikers.

Hough was charged with driving an automobile containing five women through a picket line and knocking down one of the pickets, who had to be hospitalized. Dever accused Gilmore of reaching from his automobile, grabbing him and tearing his shirt. Gilmore had Dever arrested and the strike leader retaliated by obtaining the warrant.

**Goal of 60 Million Jobs No  
Pipe-Dream; Henry Wallace  
Backs Up Stand With Facts**

By AL SESSIONS

When Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace came out during the 1944 election campaign with his plea that we plan for 60 million jobs, the opposition press hooted at him. The kept press and the paid radio liars have always tried to ridicule Wallace out of the national picture. First, you will remember, they spread the lie about Wallace being responsible for plowing under all those

poor little pigs. Later came the field day with his "bottle of milk for every Hottentot." Still later the scurrilous campaign to keep him out of the Secretary of Commerce post. But somehow Wallace not only survives these propaganda barrages, but comes out of them vindicated and strengthened.

To prove that the 1944 campaign slogan of full employment is not just another pipe-dream, Wallace has authored one of the most important books of our time—"Sixty Million Jobs" (published jointly by Reynal and Hitchcock and Simon and Schuster, Price \$1.00). Says Mr. Wallace: "This book sets forth my belief that we can attain the goal of 60 million jobs and a national income of 200 billion dollars without a 'planned economy,' without disastrous inflation, and without an unbalanced budget that will endanger our national credit." And in six absorbing parts and some 83 pages he proceeds to prove not only that it can be done by 1950, but that it must be done if the United States is not to go back to the weary, dreary cycle of alternate "prosperity" and "depression."

**COMPETENT OBSERVER**

Certainly no one should be a better authority on the subject of measuring our country's capacity to produce and provide jobs than Mr. Wallace. He has had a rare opportunity to study the nation's economy, first as Secretary of Agriculture, then as Vice-President, and now as Secretary of Commerce. Wallace cites figures to prove that "we have become a 200 billion dollar nation" and that all that stops our realizing it in a permanent economy is our failure to get government, management and labor together to do a little planning in order to keep things booming for everybody.

**OUR TREMENDOUS LOSS**

Do you remember in 1933 how the national income slipped down to a measly \$38 billion? Do you realize that because of the necessity of licking our war enemies we reached at the peak nearly \$180 billion in national income? Do you realize, too, that since the 1929 crash, we have lost pretty close to \$500 billion in national income? Is it possible that a nation which can accomplish such marvels as ushering in the atomic power age cannot so regulate its economy as to be just as successful in the war against poverty and unemployment as it has been against fascism? Must we assume that the only way we can have jobs for everybody is to have some Hitler declare war on us so that we will "get off the dime" and go in for capacity production?

**THE PLAN FOR ABUNDANCE**

This is a whole of a book and its message is of personal importance to you, to every worker and farmer and business man. Step by step, Wallace cites the figures to

prove his case. You can get "Sixty Million Jobs" at most newsstands and book stores. Take it home and read it carefully. As Wallace says: "This fuller life will not be easy to get and keep, but it will be impossible to get and keep unless we make the fullest use of our manpower and our resources. If we fall short we will fall short of our destiny as a great and free people."

**Nurses Attack  
Labor Policy  
For Hospital**

Los Angeles, Calif.

Registered Nurses Union Local No. 22173, A. F. of L., has written an appeal to several hundred leading Los Angeles charitable groups and women's clubs to secure public support against the anti-labor policy of the Board of Trustees of the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

In a letter signed by Business Agent, Clarence Romeyn, the union charges that the hospital heads refused to meet with the nurses' spokesmen, opposed a secret ballot election to determine representation, and rejected the offered services of the NLRB and the U. S. Conciliation Service.

**SERIOUS SITUATION**

"Inferior salary and working conditions and the fear of insecurity due to lack of unemployment and old age benefits" account for the lack of trained registered nurses in Los Angeles, and the desperate need for the protection of a signed collective bargaining agreement, Romeyn stated, in asking civic organizations to add their protests to those already voiced by the Southern California A. F. of L. movement against the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital management. The union also charges that the hospital has violated public policy as laid down in Federal and State law. Attorney Bob Gilbert, consultant for the nurses, has advised them that leading court decisions on the subject hold "neither the spirit nor policy of the . . . law requires exemption of charitable institutions or hospitals" from the duty of collective bargaining.

**Fair Question**

"Have you got the time?" asked the lady, leaning out of a window. "I've got the Time," said the ice man, "but who'd believe anything he read in THAT magazine?"

**Says Fascism Result  
Of Capitalist Decay**

What, then, is the essence of fascism? It is the outcome of capitalism in decay. It is the retort of the propertied interests to a democracy which seeks to transcend the relations of production implied in a capitalist society. But it is not merely the annihilation of democracy. It is also the use of adventure in the hope, thereby, of redressing the grievances which are the index of capitalist decay. Wherever fascism has been successful, it has been built upon a protest by the business interests against the increased demands of the workers.—HAROLD J. LASKI in "Reflections on the Revolution of Our Time."

**Is This Americanism?**

To celebrate the winning of a gold medal for Americanism from the American Legion, union-baiting movie producer Cecil B. DeMille tells a nationwide audience about the dangers of the closed shop. Award was presented to DeMille in New York, despite protest from AFL Pres. William Green.. (Federated Pictures)

**Dept. of Labor  
Changes Scored  
By Robert Watt**

Washington, D. C.

Recent changes in the Department of Labor were branded as "half a step in the right direction and no more" by AFL International Rep. Robt. J. Watt.

Watt said the recent consolidation of the National War Labor Board, War Manpower Commission and USES "was blown up in the newspapers as making the Labor Department stronger than ever before in history. It did nothing of the kind."

Watt said even "a casual glance" would show "the essential weakness of the whole maneuver."



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